

Brazoria Drainage District No. 4

A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas October 6, 2009

The Honorable Pete Olson
U. S. Representative /22nd District
17225 El Camino Real, Suite 447
Houston, Texas 77058

Dear Representative Olson:

We the undersigned elected officials who represent the entities within the Clear Creek Watershed request your assistance, formal action, and personal response in the matter of the Corps. of Engineers Clear Creek Project. (Harris, Galveston, and Brazoria Counties, Texas)

Over ten years have elapsed since the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) for the Clear Creek Project began. With over \$15 million dollars being spent on this study to date and even more money being spent since the project was authorized by Congress in 1968.

During the past ten years many of the governmental entities have passed resolution after resolution and even some entities (City of Pearland, Brazoria Drainage District No. 4 and Harris County) have gone to Washington D.C. meeting with our congressional and Senatorial representatives staff, requesting that the funding for the GRR study was needed to continue the study per the Corps of Engineers Galveston District.

The continuation of the GRR has been caused by Corp. regulations, changes in WRDA legislation, and changes in guidance letters within the Corp. The GRR and the Corp. of Engineers process was evident on September 16, 2009, during the Alternative Federal Briefing (AFB) when further changes were added to the GRR such as the possibility of new Congressional Authorization and changes to the original authorization cost sharing agreement between the Corp. and the sponsors, and internal Corp. requirements causing an additional 1 ½ to 2 year extension to the study.

The Clear Creek project is needed to alleviate the flooding concerns of this rapidly developing area of southeast Texas, but we need your assistance, guidance, and funding in building a flood control project instead of a continued study.

Your prompt response is very much appreciated.

Thank You,

cc:

Honorable John Cornyn

Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison

Honorable Ron Paul

City of Kemah

Mayor Matt Wiggins

Council Member Kelly Williams

Council Member Pat Buchanan

Council Member Robin Collins

Council Member Wayne Rast

Council Member Mary Anne Holcomb